

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested. No claims have been amended or canceled. As such, claims 1-43 remain pending in the present application.

Applicants have amended the specification to include the application numbers as requested by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully request that the objection to the specification be withdrawn.

Claims 1-27 and 29-42 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,652,412 to Lazzouni et al. ("Lazzouni"). Claim 1 recites, in part, the feature of "a reading sensor for detecting at least a portion of information printed on a surface and an associated portion of an address pattern included on the surface." Similarly, claim 15 recites, in part, the feature of "an electronic reading device including a reading sensor for substantially simultaneously detecting at least a portion of the printed information and a corresponding portion of the address pattern." Claim 29 recites, in part, the features of "detecting at least a portion of an image on a surface" and "detecting a portion of an address pattern depicted on the surface, the detection of the portion of the address pattern performed substantially concurrently with the detection of the portion of the image." In this way, the reading sensor of the presently claimed invention senses both printed information or a printed image *and* an address pattern.

In contrast, Lazzouni teaches reading encoded paper. The encoding, when printed, is invisible to the human eye. See col. 4, lines 9-14 of Lazzouni. A user may write or draw on the encoded paper. Markings made by the user are transmitted through a cable to a recording unit. See col. 4, lines 56-65 of Lazzouni. Lazzouni merely teaches the capability of storing markings made by a user, in contrast to the presently-claimed invention of claims 1, 15, and 29, respectively. Applicants respectfully submit that each of claims 1, 15, and 29 distinguishes over Lazzouni and request that the §102 rejection of claims 1, 15, and 29 be withdrawn.

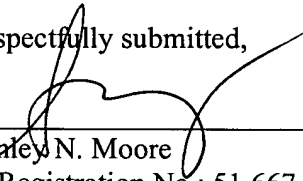
Claims 2-14, 16-28, and 30-43 are either directly or indirectly dependent on claim 1, 15, or 29 and therefore distinguish over Lazzouni for at least the same reasons as stated above. Applicants request that the §102 rejection of claims 2-14, 16-28, and 30-43 be withdrawn.

Claims 28 and 43 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lazzouni. Applicants submit that Lazzouni fails to teach or suggest at least the distinguishing features of claims 28 and 43 as noted above. Furthermore, Lazzouni does not teach or suggest a processor for generating an output based on detected printed information and detected portions of an address pattern, wherein an output is selected from the group consisting of sound, text, and an image, as set forth in each of claims 28 and 43. Indeed, Lazzouni does not teach or suggest detecting printed information in any way. Applicants submit that each of claims 28 and 43 distinguish over Lazzouni and request that the §103 rejection of claims 28 and 43 be withdrawn.

In view of the above, each of the presently-pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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